

Patent Attorney's Docket No. <u>000515-230</u>

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re	Pater	nt Application of)					
Hans	EÉN) Group Art Unit: 3761					
Appl	icatio	n No.: 10/022,738) Examiner: Karin M. Reichle					
Filed	l: De	ecember 20, 2001) Confirmation No.: 5629					
For:		BSORBENT PRODUCT COMPRISING EAKAGE BARRIERS))))					
AMENDMENT/REPLY TRANSMITTAL LETTER								
Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 Sir:			RECEIVED APR 1 5 2004 TECHNOLOGY CENTER 3700					
	Enclo	osed is a reply for the above-identified pat	ent application.					
•	[X] A Petition for Extension of Time is also enclosed.							
	[]	A Terminal Disclaimer and the [] \$55.00 (2814) [] \$110.00 (1814) fee due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.20(d) are also enclosed.						
	[X]	X] Also enclosed is/are Replacement Drawings						
	[]	[] Small entity status is hereby claimed.						
	[]] Applicant(s) requests continued examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 and enclose the [] \$385.00 (2801) [] \$770.00 (1801) fee due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e).						
	[] Applicant(s) requests that any previously unentered after final amendments <u>not</u> be entered. Continued examination is requested based on the enclosed documents identified above.							
	[] Applicant(s) previously submitted, on, for which continued examination requested.							
		does not exceed three months from	action by the Office until at least, which the filing of this RCE, in accordance with d fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) is enclosed.					

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- [] A Request for Entry and Consideration of Submission under 37 C.F.R. § 1.129(a) (1809/2809) is also enclosed.
- [] No additional claim fee is required.
- [X] An additional claim fee is required, and is calculated as shown below:

	No. OF CLAIMS	HIGHEST NO. OF CLAIMS PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	EXTRA CLAIMS	RATE	ADD'L FEE
Total Claims	26	MINUS 20 =	6	× \$18.00 (1202) =	\$108.00
Independent Claims	2	MINUS 3 =	0	× \$86.00 (1201) =	
If Amendment adds mu	ltiple depend	lent claims, add \$29	00.00 (1203)		
Total Claim Amendment Fee					
If small entity status is	claimed, sub	tract 50% of Total	Claim Amend	ment Fee	
TOTAL ADDITIONA	L CLAIM I	EE DUE FOR TH	IS AMENDA	TENT .	\$108.00

[X]	A check in the amount of \$ 108.00	is enclosed for the fee due.

[] Charge \$______to Deposit Account No. 02-4800.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17, 1.20(d) and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4800. This paper is submitted in duplicate.

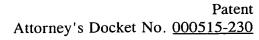
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Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated December 11, 2003, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

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